



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 9:12am by President Clem.

Present: Jim & Marjory, Kirby & Cheryl, Dave P. , Phil, Gail, Lynette, Dennis, John A. Selma, Dave Y., Clem, Lori

Secretary Report, minutes from June were accepted – Motion by Gail/2nd Cheryl – passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Dennis - \$1528 in checking account, no outstanding checks and nothing pending. Approx \$8 from fish feeder not yet deposited.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer – Dave P.

Noxious Weed ID training for Treasured Landscape is complete – MN's were well represented.

Grizzly stations status is still unknown

Star Peak Trail work is ongoing, next work days are 7/12, 7/25, 8/9, and 8/23, check FSPW web site for details

Water Stewards stream monitoring training is complete

Frog searches for MBI were conducted in June, MN's participated.

Kokanee fry release was completed in June, MN's participated.

Clark Fork Delta work is delayed until 2014, but some preliminary work will be done (check Lake Commission news)

Vegetation Monitoring on the Pack River Delta – contact Derek if you wish to sign up antonelli8@frontier.com

Outreach – Selma

MN on duty at WDC is ongoing – see calendar on our MN website and book time slots with Selma. Recently our Banner and Guest book have been placed on porch, porta-potty is installed (paid for by IDFG).

Communication – Lori for Valle

Summer newsletter will come out in July – Treasured Landscape article by Don Childress is included. Selma will write MBI article for Fall newsletter.

Training – Karen absent

WDC Grounds – Dave Y.

The use of the WDC grounds is currently very low key and works well. Additional uses should not be publicized or encouraged at this time. Weeds are getting away, better solutions are needed.

WDC Building – Cheryl & Kirby

no issues at this time (back corner of WDC will be dedicated MN space – we can move items we don't want. Cabinet has been moved into main WDC classroom and can be used by MN for storage.)

Project Presentation by Lynette – Backpacks or Bags for check out at the WDC. Full of activities on different subjects, for example, Pond: net, macro invertebrate guide, dip kit with instructions, dry erase marker and laminated sheets that can

easily be erased. Include in Advertizing - "ask about our activity packs". Available when MNs are on duty. Budget of approx \$10 per bag. Will need help from other volunteers to put together. Project Accepted.

Issues:

- Pond. Leak into basement has been found in exit creek between pond and lake. The inflow to pond has been shut off until the leak can be plugged. Major work is planned by IDFG to fix this problem.
- Who is in charge of/sets policy for WDC? What is the chain of command? Are MNs empowered to take charge of anything? Is fundraising needed to help? Not knowing is frustrating for all volunteers.
- Gala/Open House/Volunteer Recognition Event – 16 or 17 August? Two separate events? Private BBQ for volunteers and Public forum for Jack Nisbet presentation? Pete has not clarified. We are confused as to our role in the event and what is expected. Need to meet or get input from Pete before planning. (see addendum)
- IFWF Final Report to close out the Grant is ready to be reviewed by Pete. Final will be sent to IFWF with cover letter. A new WDC brochure is needed – original was produced by the IFWF, can they update and reproduce?
- Bonner County Fair – We can not share space in the Sportsman building. KNPS has invited us to share their booth again this year and share the fee. Cheryl made a motion 2nd by Gail, to share our booth and participate in the fair. Motion passed. We will need volunteers to set up and man the booth in the afternoons. Set up is Sunday August 18, 1:00-5:00pm. Gail has sign-up sheet.
- If anyone wishes to donate to MN program, write check to ID MN – Pend Oreille Chapter and Treasurer will provide receipt. We can accept donations as a Non-Profit Organization under Idaho tax code.
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Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

Since Pete Gardner wasn't able to make the Tuesday meeting, he met with Clem, Lori, and Dennis during the WDC work day on Friday. We are encouraged, he cleared up some of our confusion. Pete is the IDFG coordinator for the WDC, he is in charge. However, he would like the MNs to help direct the future. He would like our Chapter to develop displays and organize the space, we can move things in and out as we see fit and take a strong role in making the space what we want it to be. We are not responsible for funding, he has funds for the WDC. There are plans underway for the repair of the ceiling in the office and for the pond, both should be up and running and back in good condition in the next few weeks. We can reach Pete by e-mail or cell phone if we need guidance.

More details for event on **16-17 August:**

Friday 16th will be Volunteer Recognition Event hosted by IDFG in the afternoon/evening with food provided by IDFG and time to relax and socialize. Jack Nisbet will be there to make an address. MNs are invited to participate and be recognized as volunteers. No planning by us needed. This is not a public event. Bring a chair and beverage of your choice.

Saturday morning 17th-Jack Nisbet will speak at a WDC Public Open House. We should advertise, organize some displays inside and outside, have a space for Jack and his books, and other activities as we decide –**this will be our event, MN driven**. We are only expected to be open for a couple of hours, not all day. It will be a chance to show the public the WDC. The art competition can take place separately from this event, it does not need to happen at the same time. Planning for this event will begin shortly, we will need many volunteers.